the Government had helped them and it is now for them to influence the State Governments and do so. So, Sir, I believe, this repeal will serve no purpose, excepting that it will help the interests of the builders and the rich people, who have, with the help of the Supreme Court and other High Courts, might have got demolitions done and might have saved Rs. 10 crores of Rs. 15 crores of deposits, for bails on these two points I want clarifications. I believe, that this repeal would not serve the interests of the poor. So, Sir, I am unable to agree with the hon. Minister while he gets this Bill passed. With these words, -I conclude.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: What is this? You are opposing as well voting for it!

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): His party has supported it. Hon. Minister would you like to make any comment?

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Sir, the hon. Member wanted a real response at this point of time.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: You don't reply on other points, but you reply whether the repeal of this Act will be of any help.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Sir, I will reply very briefly. The hon. Member, Shri Chavan, has said and the whole House is agreed that this Act had given rise to corruption. There are a classs of people who had obtained exemptions under the Act by paying money under the table. That money runs into thousands of crores of rupees In their hands, the land is very expensive. They are the real persons who are opposed to the repeal of this Act. I am not saying that you are consciously doing this. Unwittingly, you are helping the cause of those corrupt people who have paid money and thrived, after obtaining the land.

SHRI VAYAL AR RAVI: Why don't you amend that clause of exemption? Take away that exemption.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, when it is known that the Income-Tax Act has led to corruption, will be agree for repeal of the Income-tax Act also?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): On this point, it is the Finance Minister who has to say.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: If my friends ask my opinion, I am in favour of repealing the Income-tax Act.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Now, the question is:

That the Bill be passed.

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Now we take up the next item—the Goa Budget and the Goa Appropriation Bills.

Though Mr. Pranab Mukherjee and others in the House had agreed that we would take it up today, this will now be moved and discussion on it will take place tomorrow.

THE BUDGET (GOA), 1999-2000, THE GOA APPROPRIATION BILL, 1999 AND THE GOA APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) BILL, 1999

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa for the services of the financial year 1998-99, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Sir, this Bill arises out of a sum of Rs. 144.56 crores voted by the Lok Sabha on 10th March, 1999, and Rs. 25.20 crores charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa. These amounts have been sought to cover the additional requirements in the current financial years. Full details of the provisions are

available in the Supplementary Demands circulated to the Members on the 8th March, 1999.

Sir, I move.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): I find that only one hon. Member, Shri John F, Fernandes, is there. Why don't you speak now itself?

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): Sir, you said that the debate will be held tomorrow. It is now too late. What is the purpose of discussing it now?

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA (Delhi): Sir, it had been decided that the Railway Budget will be discussed tomorrow. But, discussion on the Goa Budget will be taken up today itself.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Anyway, the Goa Appropriation Bill (Vote on Account) has also to be moved. There is only one Member because we want to finish that. The Railway Budget will be taken up tomorrow.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: The general discussion on the Goa Budget is also there.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Mr. Fernandes only has given his name.

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Let Mr. Fernandes speak.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I move:

> "That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa for the services of a part of the Financial year 1999-2000, as passed by Lok Sabha be taken into consideration."

This Bill arises out of a sum of Rs. 528.00 crores voted by the Lok Sabha and Rs. 111.89 crores charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa as shown in the 'Vote-on-Account' pamphlet circulated alongwith the Budget papers on the 8th March, 1999. These amounts, have been sought to enable the Government of Goa to meet its essential expenditure during the first four months of the current financial year (April to July, 1999) pending approval of the whole year's Budget by the appropriate legislature. The full details of these provisions are given in the 'Vote-on-Account' pamphlet.

Sir, I move.

The questions were proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): The Goa Budget, 1999-2000, the Goa Appropiration Bill, 1999 and the Goa Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1999 are now open for discussion. Mr. John F. Fernandes, you have got 16 minutes. But you can speak for 18 minutes. There is no other Member. ..*(Interruptions)*... Let us finish this.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE (Maharashtra): Sir, it is already 8.30 P.M. Let us have the discussion on Goa Budget tomorrow, not today. ..*(Interruptions)*..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): We do have much time. Instead of 16 minutes, you speak for 18 minutes.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Sir, this debate is for one hour. We have one hour for consideration of the Budget for a small State of Goa. We will discuss it tomorrow.

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, there are other Members also who want to speak. Let us have it tomorrow.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Earlier the entire House agreed to consider and pass it today itself.

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: May I say something?

महोदय, कल यहां यह तय हुआ गोवा आज लिया जाएगा। पहले रेलवे मिनिस्ट्री का भी तय हुआ था और …(**व्यवधान**)

Please listen to me.

पहले इन्होनें कहा कि रेलवे आज मत लीजिए

We have readily agreed to it

अब तीन दि बचे है और हमारे पास अभी रेलवे बजट पूरा है, जनरल बजट है …(**व्यवधान**) इसलिए आज ही इसे खत्म करें।

It will not be taken up tomorrow. We will take it up today itself.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, even the Finance Minister is tired today.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): It seems Mr. John Fernandes has spoken only once and, still, he is tired.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Sir, there is a ..*suo motu* statement on the ONGC fire. The Minister is sitting here. ..*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Sir, Goa Budget will be done today itself. Tomorrow the Railway Budget will be taken up.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (**श्री टी.एन.चुतर्वेदी**) : इसे खत्म कर दीजिए। गोवा बजट आज खत्म कर दीजिए।

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: The time allotted for Goa debate is one hour.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Not today.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): The time allotted for the Railway Budget is eight hours. Let us have the discussion on the Goa Budget today;- Mr. Pranab Mukherjee has laso agreed '10 it.

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: It is the recommendation of your party. Why are you changing it? ..*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Why does the Government want to guillotine the Goa Badget. Only one hour has been allotted for this debate!

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Here we are prepared to wait for one hour. …(**व्यवधान**)…

रेलवे कल निकाल देंगे।

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): If we take it up tomorrow, it will not make much difference. Sir, we plead with you to take it up tomorrow.

PROF VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: No, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): I think we should adhere to the commitments given earlier. The discussion on the Railway Budget is postponed. .. *(Interruptions)*...

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Tonight our hon. Member, Mr. Singhal, is celebrating his birthday. Let us wish him, "Many happy returns of the day." So, let us not sit beyond 8.30 P.M.

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Sir, the commitment of their party must be honoured.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): You have to give Mr. Singhal some lollipop.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, Mr. Singhal told us in the Lobby that today is his birthday. So, we would like him to go early and celebrate his birthday. So, we request you to take up this subject tomorrow.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Mr. Fernandes, the introduction of Goa Budget and Goa Appropriation Bills were postponed because you happened to be away. So, it was postponed by one day because of you. Now, you should adhere to your commitment. ..*(Interruptions)*...

One day, it was postponed because of you. ..*(Interruptions)*.... I think, today, you should adhere to your commitment. I think in fairness to the House and to the Government business and to the commitment by leaders. ...*(Interruptions)*. Earlier. that day, it was

postponed when you were away. ..*(Interruptions).*

श्री संजय निरूपम (**महाराष्ट्र**) :जहां तक कमिटमेंट का सवाल है, उन्होनें यहां पर कमिटमेंट किया था कि यह बिल पास किया जाएगा ...(**व्यवधान**)

उपसभाध्यक्ष (**श्री टी.एन.चतुर्वेदी**) : ऐसा इम्प्रेशन नहीं जाना चाहिए कि एल्डर्स जों हैं वह काम नहीं करना चाहतें हैं । इसलिए इस कमिटमेंट को पूरा कर दीजिए । ...(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Goa is far from Delhi Whatever we speak here, the message has to go there. Now it is too late to send the message. ...*(Interruptions).*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Mr. John Fernandes. Please begin. Please start. ... (In*terruptions)*...

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, with deference to my colleagues, I start.

I do not think this is proper because we have usurped their powers. I have mentioned the other day that it is not proper for this Government to dissolve the Goa Legislative Assembly because that Government has not lost the majority on the floor of the House. And without having the President's rule approved in the Rajya Sabha, the hon. Finance Minister has taken this House for granted and presented a Budget in the Lok Sabha on the 4th March. That was an impropriety on' the part of the hon. Finance Minister.

Sir, I do not want to take much time on this because it is a deficit of Rs. 13.14 crores. The hon. Finance Minister has rightly mentioned that it is for the elected Government to take care because by this Appropriation, we are going to take funds till the month of July. We know what has happened in Goa. The statement of the hon. Finance Minister says that. The State's economy has been destroyed for the last one and a half years. That is because it was a - hung Assembly and it was a coalition Government by defection because no party has the majority. I have mentioned while speaking on the President's rule in Goa as to how these Governments were manipulated. We have seen as to how the economy of the State was shattered. From being a Union Territory, we obtained statehood in 1987. The Statehood Bill had stipulated that the State of Goa would get Rs. 18 crores to build the State Capital, that is to build the infrastructure; that is, the new Assembly complex, the High Court and the new Secretariat complex. But we have seen that nothing additional has been given to the State of Goa from 1987 till now. On the contrary, Government after Government have pampered those industrial houses because they had been exporting iron ore for about 50 years. And now, in the name of liberalisation, you have said that whatever dollar they earn, it is income-tax free. So, the State of Goa has been deprived of Rs. 150 crores per year. you have given them a pocket money-income-tax free—of Rs. 150 crores. As a result, it tells upon the revenue of Goa. So, I would like to request the hon. Finance Minister to see that some safeguards are made.

The Governor of Goa is doing excellent work. We have inflated and bloated government servants in Goa. There are about 50,000 government servants for a population of 12 lakhs because recruitment in Goa is a lucrative business. Every peon has to pay Rs. 50,000/—. He has to sell the 'mangal sutra' of his wife and pay the money to the notorious politicians because in Goa, politics is run by notorious sons. Posts after posts have been created in the Police Department because the revenue is very high. Posts are created in the RTO because, again, there is a lot of corruption. The hon Finance Minister has mentioned that he will mop up revenue, earn revenue, from the motor vehicle tax. I would like to . request the hon. Finance Minister of set certain things in order in Goa, specially, the inflated bureaucracy. We are paying

Rs. 250 crores per year only to the bureaucracy!

How many surplus people have been put there just to make a business? I can understand a that politician has a social obligation to create jobs. But if you are going to create jobs to perpetuate further corruption, if you are going to fill the posts in the police department and if you are going to fill RTOs posts just to make collection and give a revenue, then this practice is not desirable. Every RTO has to give Rs. five lakhs and every sub-inspector in Goa police has to pay Rs. two lakhs. So, this is the way we are destroying the economy of our smaller States. We have repeatedly been requesting the Central Government that Goa should be made a special status State. It is a small State. Basically, the main revenue is through remittance which is coming from foreign countries. So, the State does not get anything. All the hard currency goes to the Central Government. All the dollars which we earn, go in your pocket.

I want to raise one point. In the financial memorandum No. 23, we have the Act. At serial No. 4, we have the Goa Public men's Investigation and Inquiry Commission. You are giving Rs. 9,33,000 to them. Now, the so called Commission is created to employ some ex-judges, who have no work there. What do you do? In return, you scrapped the CBI from Goa. You said that are going to withdraw the powers of the CBI. You have done this in the name "of stopping corruption and the so-called Commission has done nothing for the last one year. It is being used against the politicians to file the bogus cases against public men. Even it is used against the political parties. I remember last time, we were standing for election and a bogus case was filed against the ex-Chief Minister of Goa just to bring him in light. If this money is used without there being any serious attempt on the part of the Government to fight corruption, this is of no use. If you want to fight corruption, why should you ask the CBI to pack up from Goa and go away? I would request the hon. Finance Minister to direct the Governor to scrap this organisation because this is only giving some jobs to retired people, who use these vehicles and offices only for Shopping, marketing and going for parties. We have totally destroyed the economy in the small State., You know, big delegations in the name of liberalisation, in. the name of privatisation are going abroad. The Chief Minister went abroad about three years back to Portugal to London and to Germany and he carried his son's friend in the name of security. I do not know how the Chief Minister of Goa can get security in London. There is no jurisdiction. How can he get security In Germany? This is how they have defrauded the State. The other day, I was speaking to the Governor of that State and he named one more State. The hon. Finance Minister would say that this becomes the second State. Actually, I do not want to name it. It may be termed as unparliamentary. This is what has been done because fifteen MLAs and 'Ministers had gone to Singai-pore to get police uniforms just to change the police uniforms because the Chief Minister's wife did not like the brown uniform. She selected blue and white uniform for them. This is how the State has been plundered. Now, you have the: liberalisation. You just give water and power to the private sector and then they apply by night operator. They do not: invest anything. They just get a small old machine from somewhere and instal it. They just get discarded technology from those countries and instal it. They put some Naphtha in it and generate power. They give you just a pollutant which is objected to by the people of Goa. The Governor of Goa is doing an excellent work there. He is visiting many offices. He is going at night time, I am told, for inspection, specially the road transport office. I think that is the way this needs so be done. I would request the hon. Finance Minister to direct the Governor because he is under your control now to

see that this bloated bureaucracy is cut down to size. Wherever there is service, wherever there are post created just to to make money, it should not be allowed. That is the way you destroyed the economy of Goa. Sir, we were Union Territory prior to 1987 and we owe to the Central Government Rs. 533 crores. You have not written if off. You have still kept it on the statute book. I would request the Finance Minister to see that some safeguards are taken.

Again, the Minister comes and says that the Governments will come and ask for the loans. Loans, loans and loans! 1 do not know how much they are going to give as loans...*(Interruptions)*...That is the reason why I did not want to speak today, Mr. Vice-Chairman. Mr. Malhotra doesn't want me to continue.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): You are making im? portant points.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Mr. Vice-Chairman, there is no level playing field in this House. Just because Goa is small, I am being bullied.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VERUMBI (TAMILNADU): Mr. Fernandes, yau can take your own time.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: I request the hon Finance Minister to provide "the safeguards requesting the hon. Governor, to tame down the bureaucracy. You said you have increased the allocation by 17 per cent. But last year, we had implemented the Fifth Pay Commission Report, and you have bloated, again, the pay packet of this bureaucracy. So, this has nullified what you have increased. I don't think, in actual terms, you have given anything to Goa. Therefore, I request the hon. Finance Minister to see that the revenue which is due to Goa is properly given to the State of Goa.

Now, we have tourism. Even when we have tourism, we do not get anything out of it. We do not collect any tax. Tourists, basically, bring in dollars; and goes into the pockets of the Finance Minister. The State of Goa does not get anything out of that. So, I request you to give more consideration to Goa and declare Goa as a special State, like you have done in respect of the North Eastern States. I don't mean your[1] physical pocket', Mr. Minister ! I won't make that charge which was made by Mr. Guruswamy. I request you to give a special status like you have given to the North-Eastern States, because we also need development. Goa was liberated in 1961, and we missed the Central assistance for, at least, 15 to 16 years. So, I think it will be appropriate for you to make a gesture to see that something more is given, and Goa is also given the special status of a 'backward State' Though we are well-to-do, financially, it is only a few industrial houses which are controlling the economy of the State. There are still poor people in our State. Your document shows that about 30,000 people are below the poverty line. So, I request you to see that some safeguards are provided. In this House, I am the only Member from that State. There are not must safeguards. Therefore, I was requesting the hon. Vice-Chairman to keep it for tomorrow, in which case 1 would have got more support for my cause. So, I hope the hon. Finance Minister will be mag-naniamous and make some announce-ment. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, as the hon. Members are aware, this is only a Vote-on-Account and the Supplementary Demands for the current year that has devolved on us, as a Constitution obligation, after Goa came under Presi-dent's rule; and we are performing this duty. I am unable to agree with the contention that I committed any impropr-iety in presenting the Budget of Goa to the other House because the proclamation was valid when that presentation was made.. .*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: It was-not approved by this House. You should

have waited till it was also approved by this House. You ignored this House.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The discussion in the other House was taken up only after the Proclamation was approved.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Only when we raised the objection before the parliamentary affairs Minister, that was done. It is only a reference which I have made.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: It was discussed in the other House only after the Proclamation was approved by this House....*(Interruptions)*....*I* am happy to note that the hon.

Member, Mr. John Fernandes, has said.... *(Interruptions)*....

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: he is not George Fernandes; he is John Fernandes. You should pronounce his name correctly.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: John Fernandes is a closer friend. Madam, I know his first name very well. He has said that the Governor is doing a very good work. I am sure, he will continue to do this good work, as long as he is in charge. It is the intention of the Government of India not to keep Goa under a long spell of President's rule. We want early elections. In Goa, we will have elections very soon, in the next few months. Therefore, we have asked for a Vote-on-Account only for four months, until the month of July And it is our hope that when a popular Government is installed in Goa, that will take care of many of the problems which afflict Goa.

We have not come with any additional resource mobilisation measures. Because, as I said.earlier, it is not holding operation. I am happy to note from the information that I have, that Goa genenrally has been a fairly well-managed State, financially. Last year, the revenue deficit was only around Rs. 14 cores. It is only in the current year that the revenue deficit has gone up to something like Rs. 180 crores. It has been largely on account of the impact of the Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations. And, therefore, in this year's Budget, we have made a beginning, with a Sinking Fund for the various guarantees which have been given. I have been asssured by the Government of Goa, Sir, that they have started a plan under which they will be able to eliminate this revenue deficit in the next three to four years. That is a good direction. The developmental schemes which have been suggsted in the Budget are in order, and take into account the needs of that State. There has been a demand that we should treat Goa as a special category State. I am unable to respond immediately to that suggestion. My information is that, along with Punjab, Goa has the highest per capita income in the country. Therefore, there are difficulties in putting it in the same category, for instance, as Himachal Pradesh. ...*(Interruptions)*....Bihar is also not a special category State, though, I think, it deserves to be one. But Sir, as I have said, the annual plan in marginally higher. I am quite confident that when a popular Government takes office in Goa, they will come and discuss the annual plan once again and negotiate their priorities. I am very happy to say that in this Budget, nearly 40 per cent of the Plan outlay is earmarked for such useful schemes as irrigation, water and power. And also for information technology. Goa is a progressive State. We wish Goa well. Physical distances do not at all affect our fondness and our commitment to Goa. I would like to say about the Government of India that whenever Goa needs our help, the Government of India will be willing to look at their needs and we will certainly be forthcoming to help them. With these words, I commend that the Goa Appropriation Bill be passed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): I shall now put the Motion regarding consideration of the

Goa Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1999 to vote. The question is:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa for the services of a part of the financial year .1999-2000, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The Motion was adopted,

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2, 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): I will now put the Motion regarding consideration of the Goa Appropriation Bill, 1999 to vote. The Question is:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa for the services of the financial year 1998-99, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The Motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N,. CHATURVEDI): We shall now take up clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2, 3, and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause I, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Now there is a statement by the Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas regarding the leakage at the platform in Gas Field B-121 in Mumbai Offshore.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Mr. Vice-Chairman, we can seek the clarifications tomorrow.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Yes, clarifications can be taken up tomorrow. Now, the Minister will lay the statement on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Leakage and Fire at the Platform in Gas Field B-121 in Mumbai Offshore

प्रट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) : सर, मुम्बई आफशोर के प्लेटफार्म गैस फील्ड संख्या बी-121 में लीकेज और फायर के संबंध में एक सूमोटो स्टेटमेंट की प्रति मैं आपकी अनुमति से सभा-पटल पर रखता हूं ।

महोदय, मैं सदन को यह बताना चाहूंगा कि इस समय वहां स्थिति नियंत्रण में हैं । धन्यवाद ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI): Hon. Members, the House stands' adjourned till 11.00 A.M. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at two minutes past nine of the clock till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 16th March, 1999.